

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

December 5, 2002

MINUTES

**THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.**

The Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments held its meeting at the Ontario Convention Center in the City of Ontario and at the Salt Lake Palace in Salt Lake, City. The meeting was called to order by President Hal Bernson, City of Los Angeles. Colin Lennard, General Counsel, announced that members participating via video conference in Salt Lake City, Utah were not included as part of the quorum. There was a quorum at the Ontario site.

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Councilmember Lee Ann Garcia, Grand Terrace.

**2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no comments presented at this time.

**3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR**

President Bernson announced that due to member participation via video participants a roll call vote is required for action items.

The following consent calendar items were MOVED (Bass), SECONDED (Lowe).  
By roll call there were 42 AYES and 0 NOES. The motion UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

**3.1 Approval Items**

3.1.1 Approve Minutes of Nov 7, 2002

It was noted the Mayor Bev Perry attended the Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

3.1.2 Contracts

- Leachman & Associates

## **3.2 Receive & File**

### **3.2.1 Funding for RHNA - Letter on Suspension of Work**

### **3.2.2 Contracts & Purchase Orders \$5,000 - \$25,000 (Info Only)**

#### **Purchase Orders**

- Haver Analytics
- Pace Lithographers
- Promotional Source
- Southern California Leadership Network
- Typecraft Wood and Jones Inc.

### **3.2.3 Conflict of Interest Listing**

### **3.2.4 Update on Committee Preferences**

## **3.2 PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

### **3.3.1 Approval of the Resolution Relating to the Former El Toro Marine Base**

It was MOVED and SECONDED. By roll call there were 42 AYES and 0 NOES. The motion UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

### **3.3.1 Appointments**

Hon. Jeff Miller, Corona representing District 63 and Hon. Tonia Reyes Uranga, Long Beach, representing District 29, new RC members

- Hon. Lawrence Dale, Barstow  
Maglev Task Force
- Hon. Larry Nelson, Artesia, to  
Solid Waste Task Force
- Councilmember Susan Longville, City of San Bernardino, Growth  
Visioning
- Councilmember Melanie Andrews, Compton, to CEHD

#### **Water Task Force**

- Don Kendall, GM, Kaegas Munipal Water District
- Martha Davis, Executive Manager, Inland Empire Utilities Agency
- Gerald Green, Water Resources Control Specialist, City of Downey
- Bob Ghirelli, Director, Tech Services, Orange County San District
- Paul Thakar, Chief, Engineering Services, District 7 Caltrans
- Adel Hagekahlil, Div Mgr. City of LA, Bureau of Sanitation
- Rick Harter, Ex Director, LA/San Gabriel River Watershed Council

### **3.4     EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mark Pisano reported that he participated in several briefings on transportation funding. At the state level he attended a Business, Transportation and housing sessions, in which participants were told that there was a shortfall in the transportation fund estimate. This was based upon gas tax revenues and weight fees not meeting the forecasted levels that were assumed in the fund. He stated that the amount (coming out next week) is a significant one.

In visiting D.C., the Congress enacted a Continuing Resolution on the Appropriations. This resolution funds transportation at a \$27 billion level as opposed to what was proposed by Senate at a \$31 billion level. There has been an assumption of increase in the State Fund Estimate. This will be discussed at the State Transportation Commission sometime during the week of December 9<sup>th</sup>.

He noted that Congress will again consider an appropriations on Jan 11<sup>th</sup> at the federal level to determine whether or not to sustain the continuing resolution at the \$27 billion level. Staff was directed to conduct a major effort appealing that the appropriation level be raised to the original \$31 billion level as proposed by Congress.

Staff is currently attempting to convene the Congressional Delegation, tentatively scheduled for December 19, seeking a collaborate effort to call for an increase in the transportation funding. A letter was drafted that will specifically identify the potential reductions in the appropriations. The letter was circulated and signed by the Regional Council for mailing

## **4.0     ACTION ITEMS**

### **4.1     Administration Committee Report**

#### **4.1.1   Fiscal Year 2002-2003 Budget Amendment No. 1**

Mayor Dixon, Chair, stated that Councilmember Sid Tyler, Chair, Audit Committee would present a report from the Audit prior to the Budget Amendment report.

Councilmember Tyler reported that the Audit Financial Statements for year ending June 30<sup>th</sup> would not be ready for Regional Council review until March, 2003. He stated that the audit was completed in November and presented to the RC. The ICAP rate had not been released to SCAG by Caltrans. In addition he stated that this is the first use of the new SAP system and there were problems closing the books. To date the books have not been closed.

The Audit Committee recommended that at the conclusion of the audit, SCAG should look at how SAP is functioning relative to year end closing.

This will ensure that the process will be right next year as well as being on time. This review should be conducted by an outside entity. It was reported that the outside auditor concurred with the Audit Committee's recommendation.

### **Budget Amendment**

Sondra Morison, Controller, gave a brief overview and update on Budget Amendment #1. She stated that the adopted OWP Budget funded SCAG staff at approximately 57% due to the inability to program estimated carryover funding (from FY 2001-2002) prior to the closing of that fiscal year. At the June 6 RC meeting, priorities were established for the use of the carryover funds in this Budget Amendment. The priorities included funding SCAG staff, new consultant work and subregional work. The amount of the projected carryover from FY 2001-2002 to FY 2002-2003 is less than previously anticipated. The primary reason for this is due to the volume of work that was completed in the prior fiscal year, therefore reducing the amount of carryover available for programming in this Budget Amendment.

It was recommended that Executive Director have the ability to change programs up to 10% as long as the bottom line was not impacted. Vice Mayor Lowe stated that she didn't have a problem with the recommendation, however she directed the Executive Director to highlight changes and bring back the RC as information.

Mayor Bates agreed that the Executive Director could make changes to the programs. However, he felt that an upper limit should be in place. He recommended that the limit not exceed \$25,000. In addition the Executive Director should discuss changes with the President prior to making them. Councilmember Proo requested to be notified of changes that may affect her subregion. It was recommended that the Regional Council accepts and approves the Audit Committee's recommendation and Budget Amendment #1.

It was MOVED (Dixon), SECONDED (Tyler). A roll call vote was requested. There were 41 AYES and 0 NOES. The motion UNANIMOUSLY approved to approve recommendation from the Audit Committee as well as Budget Amendment #1.

## **4.2 Transportation & Communications Committee (TCC) Report**

### **4.2.1 Maglev Deployment of Initial Operating Corridor/Segment**

The Transportation Efficiency Act for the 21st Century, known as TEA-21, contained funding for the development and implementation of a magnetically levitated train (Maglev) service in the United States. In 1999 SCAG, in partnership with the State of California's Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, was one of 7 states that participated in a National Competition.

In the last four years SCAG has completed three maglev feasibility studies which at build out would create a 270-mile maglev system within the SCAG Region. The three-maglev studies included the LAX to March AFB, LAX/Palmdale Airport, and the Los Angeles Union Passenger Terminal (LAUPT) to central Orange County.

On December 5, 2002 SCAG's Regional Council approved the "Initial Operating Segment" (IOS) for the Maglev system. The action included the IOS, continued work on all three of the corridors and qualified support for the proposed Nevada Maglev Project.

Assemblyman Keith Richmond, 39<sup>th</sup> District, presented a couple of comments on alternative funding. In addition he presented comments regarding transportation issues in North LA County. He stated the only route out of north LA County is the 405 freeway into the 5 freeway. There are no other transportation corridors in that portion of the region. Noting the importance of having a unified approach for an initial operating segment, he requested Regional Council approval on the amended language to continue work on the route between West LA and North LA County.

### **Comments**

Comments were also presented by Greg Devereaux, City Manager, Ontario and Mayor Mike Gordan, El Segundo

### **Discussions**

Councilmember Stanford stated that there was one recommendation with three components. First, the pre-development funding; for line from WLA to Ontario, as well as the implementation funding request for Orange County to Las Vegas. Second the inclusion of the WLA to Palmdale line as a subsequent corridor not an IOS. He recommended a substitute motion to include all three.

He stated that he recommended including all three because there appears to be no competition amongst the three. He recommended a subsequent motion: 1) That the RC support the Aviation TF and the TCC recommendation as stated in the staff report; 2) Supporting the application for predevelopment funding of the WLA to Union Station to ONT initial operating segment of the Maglev corridor.

In addition He recommended that SCAG support the Cal-Neveda Maglev system application for implementation funding; and thirdly that we also include WLA to Palmdale corridor as a subsequent corridor not an IOS.

It was MOVED (Stanford), and SECONDED (Bruesch).

Councilmember Lowe had concerns with combining a 3 component recommendation into one motion and recommended that the motions be separated into three individual recommendations. She recommended: 1) Approving the TCC recommendation that the initial IOS run from West Los Angeles to Ontario; 2) Direct the Maglev Task Force to advance planning on the LAX/March (those portions not included in the IOS), the LAX/Palmdale and the Union Station (LAUPT) to Orange County (Orange Line); and 3) Support Nevada's Maglev project (Orange County to Las Vegas) for pre-deployment and implementation as long as construction starts at both ends.

Councilmember Stanford and Councilmember Bruesch concurred.

The RC further directed the following actions:

Form a JPA or other structure that fosters Maglev Deployment; 2) Assist in securing federal, state and local funds to complete pre-deployment planning leading to Maglev implementation; and 3) Coalesce community support for Maglev project deployment.

The recommendation included a goal statement that stated that the “initial maglev segment should be in operation no later than 2010”.

**Recommendation #1:** Accept the TCC recommendation approving Segment #32 (LAX – West Los Angeles – Union Station – Ontario Airport – San Bernardino – March Global Port) as the initial operating corridor, with Ontario Airport – Union Station – West Los Angeles as the IOS. The IOS should not include LAX at this time.

A roll call was requested. There were 29 AYES and 12 NOES  
The motion passed

**Recommendation #2:** Direct the Maglev Task Force to advance planning on Segment #33 (LAX – Palmdale) and Segment #28 (LA – Orange County); to coalesce community support for Maglev deployment; to work with Maglev stakeholders to form joint powers authorities; and to assist and secure federal, state, and local funds.

A roll call was requested. There were 36 AYES and 4 NOES  
The motion passed

**Recommendation #3:** Support the California-Nevada Interstate Maglev Project, from Orange County to Las Vegas, including an application for implementation funding, with construction to start at both ends. Mayor Bates noted it should say pre-deployment and implementation. That was accepted.

A roll call was requested. There were 29 AYES and 6 NOES.  
The motion passed

Councilmember Bruesch stated that the fact is that the route goes through the SGV and many communities along the 10 freeway. The amount of affordable housing should be considered as these IOS are being implemented. He felt that there is a need to be sensitive to the fact that the statistics on the amount of affordable housing that is available is diminishing. And that any route selection or build selection would not affect affordable housing in those areas. He stated that a motion was not needed at this time however as development of the IOS proceed, there should be some attention given to the affordable housing questions in the San Gabriel Valley.

#### 4.3 **Energy & Environment Committee (EEC) Report**

##### 4.3.1 **Governor's Office of Planning & Research (OPR) Updated General Plan Guidelines**

According to OPR, the General Plan Guidelines is a advisory document prepared by OPR to assist cities and counties in preparing local general plans. The Guidelines contain sections on the seven mandatory elements of general plans (Land Use, Circulation, Housing, Conservation, Open Space, Noise, and Safety) as well as sections on various optional elements. The Guidelines were last revised in 1998.

The Governor's OPR has issued a draft revision to the General Plan Guidelines for cities and counties. The revision was issued partly in response to AB 1553 (Keeley, 2001), which required OPR to include environmental justice in the guidelines. The public comment period for the revisions closed December 16, 2002. The SCAG comments were approved by the EEC on November 7, 2002.

The EEC recommended that the Regional Council approve the Guidelines.

It was MOVED (Young) and SECONDED (Brown). A roll call vote was requested. There were 29 AYES and 0 NOES. The recommendation UNANIMOUSLY passed.

#### 4.4 **Community, Economic & Human Development (CEHD) Report**

##### 4.4.1 **Forecast Local Review Criteria**

Mayor Alexander, Chair, presented an overview of the Evaluation Criteria for the Baseline Socioeconomic Projection. The Evaluation Criteria will be used to evaluate local input on the Trend Projection released in the mid-September, 2002. The Baseline Projection includes primary variables of population, households and employment at multiple geographic levels by five-year increments through the year 2030.

He stated that the CEHD recommended removing two items from the original recommendation. The first item relates to the Basic Regional Criteria (item # 3 in the attachment) and the Basic County Criteria (item #2 in the attachment).

Mayor Alexander stated that the CEHD would report back at a later time to resolve the issues. It was recommended that the Regional Council approve the remaining recommendations within the Local Review Criteria.

It was MOVED (Alexander) and SECONDED (Bruesch). A roll call was requested. There were 29 AYES & 0 NOES. The motion UNANIMOUSLY passed.

#### **4.5     Communications Committee Report**

No report

### **5.0     INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### **5.1     Monthly Financial Report**

This report was included as part of the Budget Amendment Report.

### **6.0     COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no comments presented at this time.

### **7.0     LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT**

#### **7.1     Closed Session**

- Pursuant to California Government Code Section §54957 Personnel
- Pursuant to California Government Code Section §54956.9(a) SCAG v. HCD & BT&H
- Pursuant to California Government Code Section §54956.9(a) El Toro Reuse Planning Authority v. SCAG

### **8.0     ADJOURNMENT**

**The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday January 9, 2003 at SCAG Offices.  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

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Mark Pisano, Executive Director



## **Staff Present**

Mark Pisano, Executive Director  
Jim Gosnell, Deputy Executive Director  
Colin Lennard, General Counsel  
Bert Becker, Chief Financial Officer  
Hasan Ikrata, Acting Director, Planning & Policy  
Shelia Stewart, Executive Assistant

## **Members Present**

Councilmember Hal Bernson (**Los Angeles**), Delegate, District 59, President  
Mayor Bev Perry (**Brea**) Delegate, District 22, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Supervisor Charles Smith (**Orange County**) Delegate, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Supervisor Bob Buster (**Riverside County**), Delegate  
Councilmember Greg Pettis (**Cathedral City**) Delegate, District 2 \*\*  
Councilmember Charles White (**Moreno Valley**) Delegate, District 3  
Mayor Ron Loveridge, (**Riverside**) Delegate, District 4  
Mayor Ron Roberts (**Temecula**) Delegate, District 5  
Mayor Pro Tem Lee Ann Garcia (**Grand Terrace**), Delegate, District 6  
Councilmember Susan Longville (**San Bernardino**) Delegate, District 7  
Councilmember Deborah Robertson (**Rialto**) Delegate, District 8  
Mayor Bill Alexander (**Rancho Cucamonga**), Delegate, District 9  
Councilmember Gary Ovitt (**Ontario**) Delegate, District, 10  
Mayor Lawrence Dale (**Barstow**) Delegate, District 11  
Councilmember Cathyrn DeYoung (**Laguna Nigel**) Delegate, District 12  
Mayor Richard Dixon (**Lake Forest**), Delegate, District 13  
Councilmember Tod Ridgeway (**Newport Beach**), Delegate, District 14  
Councilmember Lou Bone (**Tustin**) Delegate, District 17  
Councilmember Alta Duke (**La Palma**) Delegate, District 18  
Councilmember Shirley McCracken (**Anaheim**) Delegate, District 19  
Mayor Ron Bates (**Los Alamitos**) Delegate, District 20  
Councilmember Art Brown (**Buena Park**) Delegate, District 21  
Mayor Bruce Barrows (**Cerritos**) Delegate, District 23  
Councilmember Gene Daniels (**Paramount**) Delegate, District 24  
Councilmember Keith McCarthy (**Downey**) Delegate, District 25  
Councilmember Melanie Andrews (**Compton**) Delegate, District 26  
Councilmember George Bass (**Bell**) Delegate, District 27  
Councilmember Bonnie Lowenthal (**Long Beach**) Delegate, District 29  
Councilmember Tonia Reyes-Uranga (**Long Beach**) Delegate, District 30  
Mayor Pro Tem Bea Proo (**Pico Rivera**) Delegate, District 31  
Councilmember Robert Bruesch (**Rosemead**) Delegate, District 32  
Councilmember Dick Stanford (**Azusa**) Delegate, District 33  
Councilmember Paul Talbot (**Alhambra**) Delegate, District 34  
Councilmember Harry Baldwin (**San Gabriel**) Delegate, District 35  
Councilmember Sid Tyler (**Pasadena**) Delegate, District 36  
Councilmember Karen Rosenthal (**Claremont**) Delegate, District 38  
Councilmember Ken Blackwood (**Lomita**) Delegate, District 39

Mayor Pro Tem Sandra Jacobs (**El Segundo**) Delegate, District 40  
Mayor Toni Young (**Port Hueneme**) Delegate, District 45  
Councilmember Ruth Galanter (**Los Angeles**) Delegate, District 58  
Councilmember Jeff Miller (**Corona**) Delegate, District 63

**CTC Representatives**

Vice Mayor Robin Lowe, Hemet, representing RCTC